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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for General Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
"WORLD HERITAGE - UNESCO" STAMPS
AND DEFINITIVE STAMP

1. The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue the first set of commemorative stamps for 1992 on Friday, 24 January. The set of six stamps entitled "World Heritage - UNESCO" is the second set of stamps issued by UNPA to honour the efforts of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) to protect the world's shared wonders. This special issue will be UNPA's contribution to a series of events which will commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of UNESCO's World Heritage Convention throughout 1992. The photographs which were provided by Comstock Inc. were adapted as stamps by Robert Stein, a United Nations staff member. The stamps were printed by Cartor S.A. (France), using an offset lithography process. Each stamp, illustrated below, reproduces a photograph of a particular World Heritage site or area.

| Denomination and quantity | World Heritage site | Photographer |
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| 30 cents<br>800,000 | Uluru National Park<br>Australia | Georg Gerster<br>Switzerland |
| 50 cents<br>700,000 | The Great Wall<br>China | Georg Gerster<br>Switzerland |
| F.s. 0,50<br>700,000 | Sagarmatha National Park<br>Nepal | Janet Wishnetsky<br>U.S.A. |
| F.s. 1,10<br>700,000 | Stonehenge<br>United Kingdom | Martin Western<br>United Kingdom |
| S 5<br>800,000 | Iguaçú National Park<br>Brazil | Adam Tanner<br>U.S.A. |
| S 9<br>800,000 | Abu Simbel<br>Egypt | Hartman-Dewitt<br>U.S.A. |

Each stamp measures 38 mm x 30.56 mm perforation to perforation. Perforation: 14. The vertical sheets each contain 50 stamps.

(United States equivalents - F.s. 0,50: 39 cents; F.s. 1,10: 85 cents; S 5: 50 cents; S 9: 88 cents - subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

2. A definitive stamp, illustrated at right, will also be issued on 24 January 1992 with a denomination of F.s. 3,00. The newly designed stamp will replace the 1969 F.s. 3,00 and therefore 24 January will be the last day of sale of the older stamp. The new definitive, designed by Néstor José Martín, Argentina, shows a stylized rendition of the United Nations Headquarters buildings. It was printed in the United Kingdom by the House of Questa, using an offset lithography process.

The stamp measures 25.73 mm x 35.96 perforation to perforation. Perforation: 14. The sheet of 50 stamps is horizontal.

(United States equivalent - F.s. 3,00: $2.31 - subject to fluctuation.)

3. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachet ONLY.

4. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps and first day cancellations on Friday, 24 January, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) Counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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